sector, including industrial units, by rail or by road.

C.S.I.R. Laboratories

3568. DR. KARTIKESWAR PATRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of National Laboratories set up so far and proposed to be set up by the C.S.I.R./D.S.I.R. and the field of research chosen/assigned to them; and

(b) the details of works being done by these Laboratories in Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) There are 41 National laboratories/ Institutes under CSIR undertaking R&D activities in the area of Physical, Earth, Chemical, Biological, Engineering and Information Sciences. Besides R&D work, these laboratories offer services in the areas of specific testing and analysis, design engineering and optimization, information dissemination, training and retraining of professionals, supply of printing materials, experimental animals etc. Technical services offered by the laboratories include Testing & Calibration, Repair and Maintenance, & Fabrication /Sample Preparation of Special Products.

There is no proposal to establish any new Research Laboratory.

(b) One of the CSIR laboratories, namely, Regional Research Laboratory, Bhubaneshwar undertakes R&D activities in the State of Orissa independently as well as with participation of other CSIR laboratories in the areas of Ores and Minerals, their Transportation, Agro-technology besides offering services on:

- Testing /Analysis/Evaluation comprising Ores and Minerals Analysis, Elemental Essay, Trace Metal Analysis, Corrosion-Erosion Evaluation and Slurry Transportation through Pipelines;

- Design Engineering on Commercial Concentrators comprising Process Optimization and improvement and Process Instrumentation and Control Systems ; and

- Surveys and Techno-Economic Feasibility Studies on Plant Resources, Chemical and Metallurgical Industries and Commercial cultivation of Aromatic and Medicinal Plants.

One of the CSIR Laboratories, namely Central Salt & Marine Chemicals Research Institute, Bhavnagar, has a Field Station at Berhampur working in the area of Sea Water Irriculture.

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Growth Centre in Bikaner

3569. SHRI MANPHOOL SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government had accorded approval to the proposal of setting up a growth centre in Bikaner, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the reasons for delay in setting up of the said growth centre;

(c) the area of land being acquired for this Rupose;

(d) the details of the facilities proposed to be provided to the entrepreneurs for setting up their industry in this growth centre; and

(e) The amount of subsidy likely to be